

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action mailed August 16th, 2006, the Examiner took the following action: (1) objected to the drawings; (2) allowed claims 1-4, 8-11, 13-21, and 29-39; (3) rejected claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite; (4) rejected claims 22 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Eckman (US 4,688,970); (5) rejected claims 22 and 24-27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Neu et al (US 4,310,269); (6) rejected claims 22 and 24-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Alexander (US 4,822,215); and (7) and objected to claim 23 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 6 has been amended to correct the informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, claim 6 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 22 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 23, placing claim 22 (and all claims that depend from claim 22) in condition for allowance. Claim 23 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 22 and 24-28 are now in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-22, and 24-39 are now in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining matters that may be handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Enclosures: Replacement Formal Drawings

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